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FRANCE

AS AN EXPONENT OF WHAT INFIDELS WOULD DO IF THEY WERE IN POWER.

An intelligent infidel woman said to me that if infidels were in power in this country they would persecute and abuse their power just as Christians have done. All of us are, even now, far below the high pretensions of our philosophy. We would all probably be worse than we are now if there was nobody to restrain us, but in the history of France, we have a plain demonstration that a country absolutely in control of infidels is far better than one under the influence of Christianity. France is today, so absolutely under infidel control that the infidels of that country can dictate any terms they may desire to the Christians, and yet France is, to-day, the happiest country in what is commonly called Christendom.

The business, prosperity of France is phenomenally fine. Only a few years ago, at Sedan, France capitulated to Prussia on terms of paying an immense war indemnity and ceding Alsace and Lorraine, parts of her valuable territory, and yet France has not only been able to pay the indemnity, but has loaned to Russia \$2,500,000,000 and is abundantly able to lend still more, if she regarded it as good financial policy, and in the interest of peace to do so.

On the other hand Christian Russia never has paid and in centuries probably never will, pay the debt she contracted to conduct the Revolutionary war against the United States, and the Christian United States never has paid, and, in centuries probably never will, pay the debt she contracted to conduct her civil war.

Our debt has to be our own people, of course, better than Russia's debt to foreigners, unless one or both, some day, repudiates those debts as will almost certainly be done, and, in that event the United States will be worse off than England. With all the immense resources of America, our government could not lend money as France has done, and while infidel France is enjoying the greatest serenity of any European government and Christian Russia is but a hell on earth, the government of the United States is a scolding caldron of all the woes that Shakespeare's witches mixed, or that new from Pandora's box, and our condition is rapidly getting worse and worse every day, until now such is the condition of affairs that the guards around our president will allow no man to come into his presence with a wrapped package, lest it may be a bomb with which to kill him, as Christian Russia lately killed Sergius.

Suicide of all classes of people, and murders, especially of women and children—a Christian woman in Mayfield, Kentucky, a few days since having murdered three beautiful daughters that he might marry a British man—are simply rampant in the United States, and, in Kentucky, the most dastardly assassinations of each other by Christian party leaders, surpass anything known in the annals of civilized history.

In France none of these things are occurring.
France, and Switzerland, the latter of which gave its University for the use of the great International Intellectual Congress, are the only two governments in Europe that are Republican and constructed upon exactly the plan of government that the infidels Jefferson, Paine and Franklin framed for this government, and those two governments are the only ones in Europe where peace and prosperity and happiness reign all the time, and Italy, the home of the Pope, is coming to the front rapidly, and just in the ratio that she discards religion, until the Pope has to beg of America to furnish him the money upon which to support his infamous and nefarious pretensions in the country that once gave \$70,000,000 to build St. Peter's church.

In the light of such facts as these it is not reasonable and fair to say that the United States, in the hands of infidels, would be no better off than it is now, in the hands of Christians.

WHY DEATH HAS NO TERROR FOR A JAP.

Until death stares him in the face the Japanese does not care to be religious in the ordinary sense of the term, and death is to him but a new life led in a supernatural way. When the father of a family goes on a journey a part of his room is held sacred to his memory and devotional offerings are made to him. In all the families who have some relative fighting in the war there is not a single one where the mother, wife, or sister does not practice the rite of endearment for the absent, and if he does the attitude of the bereaved shows no substantial change.

The departed is regarded as being still present and daily offerings and salutations are made to him. In the amoeitic temperament of the Japanese there is always a corner sacred to this feeling.

If you will ask a Japanese whether he believes in God in the ordinary sense, as a deity presiding over the universe, he will, unhesitatingly answer, "No."

The school education is free from any teaching of a doctrinal character and the Japanese cannot see why morals should be based on the teaching of a special deification. He believes that there is no reason why people should not be upright and brave without the help of a God or a creed.

We have always considered the lower form of Buddhism merely as an aid to the work. Loyalty, filial piety and honesty have always been the only gods to which the educated Japanese look up.

The code of warriors has formed the creed of Bushido, which means, "The Path of the Samurai." To be a Samurai is the highest aspiration of the Japanese. It implies all that is conveyed in the word "gentleman" used in its best sense, with a dash of the soldier added.

In earlier days no special stress was laid on book learning, but in the course of time literature and music have added softening touches to the brusque features of the Samurai character.

But the keynote of Bushido is an indomitable sense of honor. A Samurai's jealousy of his good name reaches the pathetic extreme of preferring instant death to a slur on his reputation, and the practice of "hara-kari" is the outcome of this feeling. "Hara" signifies the abdomen, which is supposed to be the seat of ideas and thoughts, and the act of cutting open the abdomen is a symbolic demonstration that no ideas unworthy of a Samurai have been harbored.

But for this all-daring spirit of Bushido Japan would never have been able to make such gigantic progress in the last forty years, and the same spirit will continue to urge Japan on in her pursuit of the ideals of the good, the true and the beautiful.

The above appearing in the Lexington Leader, the most influential paper, except the Blade that was ever published in this city, is the most remarkable editorial that I have ever seen in any paper of Lexington, in the nearly sixty years that I can remember Lexington journalism.

The editor of the Leader is the son of a Presbyterian preacher, and is no more infidel than all intelligent men are, and yet while the whole Christian insistence has always been that there was no morality or heroism outside of Christianity, here is an editorial that says the very acme of morals now known to the world, is to be found among a people who do not believe in any god and has no religion, and of whom it is known and daily being demonstrated in our papers, that they are physically, intellectually and morally far superior to their foe, the Russians, who are the truest and most orthodox of all Christians.

Nothing, in the whole history of Christianity, since the villain, Constantine, started that infamous fraud 1500 years ago, has even shown so plainly, to the world, the superiority of atheism, as a moral influence, to Christianity, as has the conflict between these two nations, one representing atheism and the other representing Christianity.

In twenty-five years from now every newspaper in Lexington will be infidel, and probably of the atheistic school.

DEDICATES HIS CHILD TO CREED

With Strange Ceremony Freethinker And Socialist Baptizes Babe.

Will Be Taught Only "Religion of Justice" as it Grows Older.

(From Cincinnati Post.)

Discarding all religious offices, George Junghans, of 1327 Bremen-st., freethinker and Socialist, Sunday dedicated his first-born to the life of the "New Thought," of which he is an ardent devotee. The attending ceremony was performed by B. S. Frayne, a lecturer, who also composed the unique christening ritual.

Only in the sprinkling of the water upon the child's forehead did the baptismal ceremony resemble that prescribed by most creeds. The strange, but simple, exercises of the father's dedication of his child to liberal doctrine was attended by 15 of his most intimate friends, all more or less radical in their religious beliefs and industrial ideals. Evelyn Junghans is a little over four weeks old. Her father is a machinist.

"I know," he said, "that before many years my daughter, with thousands of other unfortunate, will have to seek employment in factories."

"I know she will never have opportunity to attend the high school and college, as is her right."

"I know that under conditions as they are she will never get out of the surroundings of the tenement house."

Will Teach Her.

"Religion, as popularity conceived, says nothing of these conditions, nor has it a remedy for them."

"I will teach my daughter to realize her condition and its cause. I will point out to her the path of justice."

"But I will propose no dogma. I will send her to no Sunday school, and only the religion of justice will be taught her from the time that her mind opens to impressions."

"I know social justice will not come in my day, but I intend to prepare her for the great struggle for industrial freedom that must come in hers."

The Ceremony.

This was the form of the strange baptismal ceremony.

"Child of Nature, we are about to christen you with water. Nature's need. Its state of impurity is symbolized by the religion of justice existing at the time of your birth."

"Into this water we pour a little salt and a little sugar, these being symbolic of all the vast wealth that your mother, Nature, so bountifully provides, and to which you are joint heir with all of her children."

"We christen you, Evelyn Junghans, in the name of Nature, thy mother, and in the name of humanity, sister to whom you are."

"May the trials, cares and sorrows of this world fall as lightly upon you as the drops of this essence. May you live to see, or be the seed of those who will live to see, the dawn of justice—when humanity will have come to its own, when the essence will not be an emblem of humanity's birthright, but that birthright a reality; when men will not live in strife and competition, but in peace and industrial concord."

Hope The Star.

"Let Hope be the star of your life; lose not faith in humanity, but abide in patience until salvation come. The light of ignorance is slowly passing away and the dawn is coming. The veil that has hid Truth from man for ages is rent asunder, and the demon of justice stands exposed to view. Like the shadows of night, he will dissolve with the first rays of the sun."

"Child of the future, happy is your lot, you are born at an opportune moment. A suffering world no longer weeps, but smiles with hope, and with implicit faith looks for its own salvation."

"Go then, little sister, and take with you the good will of this assembly, and you could not have a higher or holier blessing. Amen."

TWO CHRISTIANS HUNG.

At Pittsburg, on March 22, two Christians, Byers and Dardala were hung, first Protestant latter a Catholic. They had their clergy with them and went through the same religious performances that all persons do when they are hung.

INFIDEL

Is the Right Name for Infidels, Says Maryland, Brer Groh, and the Humanitarians, While, Nevertheless, The Less, Yet, Notwithstanding.

Editor Moore and Elder Jim Hughes, Dearly beloved and co-workers in the vineyard and fig orchard: Greeting and kisses.

It behooveth us to take to heart Bro. D. Webster Groh's wall over the taking in vain the generic name of our paternity.

The Christian enemy gibeth and sneereth and saith, "Go to, thou infidel," and it cometh to pass that Bro. Groh, taketh this ribaldry to heart, and be appeareth to the enemy, even the inventors of charity, to spare one little mite of their product from the cold-storage vaults of their Holy hearts, and call us Rationalists.

But the devoted and willful Christian turneth up his Christly nose, and plagueth his godly thumb thereon, he twiteth his sanctified feroce, and mocketh with a great mock.

The Christian is pitched, inside and outside, with pitch, and he denieth the Rationalist with virulence redolent with ignorance. "Rationalist," saith the Christian; "no man may be rational who denieth that I am saved every hour and minute in the day, though the ever flowing blood that cometh from the perpetual wound of the Roman spear."

The Christian standeth upon all the rational ground that is in sight. All other ground is sinking sand. His hymn saith so.

It behooveth us then, dearly beloved to restate and call the Christian hypocrite.

After all, dearly beloved, what difference doth it make? We know who they mean, when they call us infidel and answer "Present," everytime.

We might call the rose a cabbage, but we would get little sauer kraut from it. It would remain the same object. Just so with non-believers. We are essentially the same bunch of thorns to Christians.

They continually kick against the pricks and get their Christian feelings lacerated.

Did not the Christian call the Saracen, a dog of an infidel? and did not the Saracen call the Christian a dog of an infidel? Have not Christians called all opposition infidelity, from time immemorial?

It behooveth the unbeliever to put on the whole armor of nonchalance, and leave no Abillean heel to Palestinian craftiness.

Good Bro. Groh, suaveth a sore spot to the enemy and the enemy shooteth his shaft and danceth his skirt dance before the Lord, even as did David, the paragon of Bathsheba.

No two Christians stand upon the same creedal platform. Every Christian is a heretic to every other Christian.

Every Christian is the only true Christian all others are spurious. In our camp are many banners, Atheists, Agnostics, Infidels, Rationalists, Unbelievers, Freethinkers, etc.

The only thing that we agree upon is that the Christian is the humbug of humbugs. We have no private; we are all chiefs. I am called out of my number, but I answer just the same under any appellation that opposes the Prince of Peace, who came into the world to bring a sword. This sword is a two-edged affair and cuts for peace when the Christians are licked and cuts for war when the enemy is seemingly inferior.

Christianity has warped upon her neighbors and brought the weak to the knee, or to the rack, and has bent the suppliant knee in time, to superior force. It is a subversive conqueror. It is a beggar on horse back, at all times, and fulfills the character.

Christianity has provided, for the greater part of humanity, a place of eternal torment, and then brags of its

minifluence. Prates of its benefactions and provides a hell.

For its favorites it has set up somewhere a place where they may, if they pay for the privilege, come and see the holy degrees conferred upon the ground-floor promoters.

As hell is near enough to heaven for Lazarus to carry on a dialogue with Dives, we will not be so very far from heaven anyway.

As Dives is near enough to catch a drop of water on his tongue the only differences will be that of under, or over, the grating.

It will be as much too cold in heaven as too hot in hell, and I'd just as lief sweat as freeze. In addition to other names a Christian called me an Ingrate, at the free discussion society, in Baltimore.

He said I was an Ingrate to God who had conferred manifold blessings upon me, while I turned and barked and snapped at the heels of Omnipotence, as a snarling fce."

I asked him what return he had made to the Giver of all things. He said that he had made no return except a public acknowledgment of his thanks. I asked him who provided for him in his infancy and he said God provided him with a father and mother, who looked after him.

I then asked him if he had spent much time in thanking his parents for their care of him, and he said, "No."

I then asked him if there was not a possibility of his barking his thanks up the wrong tree.

He said it was possible that he was something of an ingrate himself.

The fellow that depends upon God alone, for sustenance, in this world, is apt to go hungry. Thanking God for what he does not provide is the Christian idea of gratitude.

Most all inventors and scientists have been infidels and the world is ungrateful enough not to perpetuate their names as a sense of obligation and gratitude. Even the Christian, sometimes gives credit to an infidel and robs God of his due.

When the Christian opens his head, in public, "Jesus does it all, all to him I owe."

When Jesus slid down the Almighty Dad's cellar door, he did not know it was the attraction of gravity that caused the exhilaration. When he let the Devil lead him up a high mountain, he did not know that his eyesight had a down shoot on its penetration to see the kingdoms that were on the far side of the globe.

In fact his atlas told him that he lived on a plane.

Rational? why the Christian is the only rational. Irrational? that is what Bro. Groh will get. How can a man be rational and not let the Christian think for him?

The Ideal If Bro. Groh wants a hobby to devote, let him mount his Rationalist pony.

He can carry a sign upon his breast "I am a Rationalist," as the far-seer man does the misinformation, "I am blind."

Christianity has preempted all the glowing appellations and leaves us the harsh nomenclature.

Dearly beloved let us have some fun out of the Christian. Call him Longface.

Pietty Pete told the Christians that the heavens would roll up, like a scroll and melt with fervent heat—that the earth would pass away with a great noise.

If St. Peter had heard one of those eleven inch Japanese shells that burst at Port Arthur, he would have mistaken ashmore powder for the wrath of God.

Old Sol, when he wrote Ecclesiastes under inspiration said, (Eccle 1. 4) "One generation cometh and another goeth, but the earth abideth forever."

One of these wise guys was off his base.

Still the Christian says he is the only bona-fide Rationalist. In the Christian's eye we are infidels, whether we are infidels, or whether we are not. Black is white to him when he washeth it in the red blood of the Lamb.

Brother Groh could not wash any thing in blood and make it whiter than snow.

Perhaps he is not steeped in iniquity sufficiently to cause such a chemical transformation as that. Iniquity is supposed to neutralize the red and black and produce white.

Infidel, infidel is my name, infidel till I die, been baptized in the infidel faith, and gwine to eat infidel pie.—JOHN F. CLARK.

THE YELLOW PERIL

Infidels have reason to hope that within a comparatively short time—say 25 years—the kind, gentle and philosophic religion of Confucius, the man who first enunciated the "golden rule," do to you, will destroy the barbarous, foolish, superstitious, murderous, rapacious religion of Jesus.

The outrages of Christianity against infidelity have, at last, awakened the sleeping lion.

Nemesis generally gets there with her work, and there could be no more righteous retribution than that the "heathen Chinese" should, finally, destroy the religion which, under the English, waged against them the "Opium war," thus forcing upon China the fatal drug that has been the source of all the crimes known in China, and all simply because Christian England wanted a market for her India commodity that has made more crime in the world than anything else except Christian whisky, and all for what the Latin heathen called the sacred opium.

Then added to that we have recently had a war with China in which America joined with England, Germany and Russia to debauch Chinese women and murder and rob Chinese men, women and children until the rivers of China were filled with their dead bodies and all because the Chinese, the most peaceable people on earth, who had shown their aversion to war by building the famous Chinese wall, 1,600 miles long, would not accept the religion of Jesus a Jew hung for crime by his own people and who taught that his religion must be propagated by the sword, even if they had to sell their garments to buy swords.

No combination of lunacy and drunkenness could ever have originated a more flagrant, and who knows called "abominable" crime than that of the religion tann that of the Christians, even excellent, in these regards, the Jewish religion, from which Christianity is simply a schismatic offshoot.

The Christian religion teaches that the first man and woman were made out of dust, in one place, and that the man only made of dust and the woman made out of his rib, in another place, that God tempted them by an apple which a snake induced them to eat, and that, because they did eat it, God condemned the whole human race to be burnt in everlasting fire and brimstone, and finally concluded to save all those who would believe that this Jesus was his son born of a woman, just as all the other gods of all the other religions had had children, always sons, because women were considered mere animals without "souls," and if we would believe this and a lot of superstition about his rising from the dead and ascending to heaven through the air, and would be stupid enough to do so by a preached, the biggest liar on earth and thus have his sins washed away, they would be, simply for this act of faith, be taken to live happy forever in heaven.

Nobody but a fool or a liar pretends to believe such a crazy, drunken jargon, gotten up by a man who was ignorant, and the Chinese were too intelligent and too moral to accept it.

Because they declined to do this the Christian missionaries, from all Christian countries, called for the armies and navies of their respective countries to conquer and rule the Chinese, and so savages known to history ever perpetrated such outrages upon any people, as the Christians did upon these peaceable and unoffending Chinese, except when the Jews, acting under God's express command, murdered and robbed the peaceable and unoffending Canaanites living happily in their own home.

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The Chinese are so weak, they did the hardest work that was done, through the Rocky Mountains, on the Central Pacific railroad in its building. They can live and work on nations that our Americans could not subsist on. America has violated every treaty she has ever made with China, and has treated them as good people would not treat bad dogs. San Francisco, the American port at which China lands, is unfortified and unprotected.

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had 500 millions of dollars and Rockefeller had 250 millions, and Li was a statesman and philanthropist and philosopher, loved and honored by all his people while Rockefeller is simply a bald-headed, dyspeptic, religious hypocrite, hated by more people than any one man in America, including the preachers who have been bought by his money to boost his business.

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Giving China a navy ten times as strong as that of Japan at present and manned and commanded by Japanese seamen and admirals, connected with the ungarded gate to the richest part of America, isolated from the balance of America, and convenient to China and Japan would seem to have been specially prepared for those people as a landing place for their armies ten times as great as the United States.

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The "Minnesota" will sail on its next voyage to the Orient on Saturday April 29th and will not be amiss to say here that the excellence of her passenger accommodations will be heralded to the travelling public of the United States by all who enjoyed the pleasant voyage across the Pacific on her first trip, as furnishing the acme of travel comfort. The fact that the superior accommodations of the Great Northern Steamship Company in connection with the comfortable journey afforded by the Great Northern Railway to Seattle, the sailing point of the "Minnesota," will make this route the popular one from accident to Orient.

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CORNELL'S PRESIDENT WHACKS THE BIBLE.

An exclusive dispatch to the Los Angeles Times dated Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 25, contains the following: "President Schurman of Cornell University started the students assembled at the chapel today, during an address on 'Christian Faith,' he declared that educated men no longer regard the 'facts' in the Bible as true, and that the Bible must be considered as only a mold into which religion was poured 2,000 years ago. He said:

The Christ of the twentieth century differs from the Christ of the nineteenth and preceding centuries. No longer do educated men go to the Bible as a text-book of physical science. It seems strange that men should have ever regarded the Bible as such. I do not think there is any history in the Bible, simply because the Hebrews never wrote history. I don't attempt to explain the miracles attributed to Jesus Christ by the Bible."

The above is from the Humanitarian Review, the California infidel paper that is afraid to call itself infidel. The president of every first-class institution of learning in the United States has announced himself an infidel, and will have to do so, because now the belief of the Christian religion is regarded among competent people as an evidence of intellectual and moral mediocrity, or worse.

The University of Cincinnati put out the infidel president Ayers and put my Presbyterian nephew Dabney, and the year born, Freitzenjammer, or whatever his Dutch name is, at the head of that school, and, as the result of such management, it will never rank above the two institutions in the world, the University, where the Bible department is being used for taxes on \$150,000 while the library department can hardly pay its professors, all Campbellites, and then the State College, the two barely able to be known outside of Palestine county by their devotion to their time and energy to their foot-ball team, whose victories are only over each other.

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Of course no body but the young and weak minded are humbugged by such dead beats and fakirs, but it is the duty of the law to protect the young and weak minded even more zealously and jealously than the mature and strong in mind, and if a man may not do so small a thing comparatively, as to offend public taste and decency by the use of indecent language, certainly he should not be allowed to use language that will send the weak and superstitious to lunatic asylums, and it is the duty of the law to protect these people from characters like Stough and Billy Sunday, a preacher whose only education was for base ball and who took up preaching as a job, because he could make more money at it than he could at base ball, and didn't take so much intelligence as it does to play base ball.

DEATH OF BROTHER ALBERT G. WINEMAN.

A letter from Bro. Parker Wineman of Chicago, states that his brother Albert G. Wineman had died at Greenville, Miss.

About four hours before his death he took the hand of his brother Parker and told him that he wanted no religious service over his remains, but wanted his brother to conduct his burial ceremonies, which the brother did.

His brother gives the dead brother a beautiful character. A part of the letters is as follows:

"Mr. Moore: You have lost a true, honest friend. He sympathized with you in all of your troubles, and (as it appeared to him) your persecutions by your enemies. No excuse, no matter how framed, could make him waver, or believe, but that your troubles were bred in, and grew out of, the pulpit, and the spaws that crake for a time and die. You had but few, if any, friends who felt a deeper interest in you than your cause."

The living brother's tribute to the dead one is beautiful and pathetic, and is in striking contrast with the common Christian representation of the feeling of infidels in the presence of death.

PASTOR BANGS AT EX-PASTOR.

Rev. D. F. McCarty Declares Rev. Green a Liar.

Also a Fraud, a Scamp and Eke a Swindler.

Hot Suit Tells How Man of God Was Diddled.

The above are the headlines of an article in the Los Angeles Daily Times, Oakland Journal and American, The Angels—in the place in California where the recent great religious revivals raged with greatest fatality, and the above heading gives an idea of the effect of the revival on the Angels in that State.

The account is a long one containing a fine photographic picture of Rev. D. F. McCarty, whose mug shows him to be a rascal, and yet, in his name, Green, whose verandah is only in name, has "diddled" McCarty out of a big pile of swag.

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THE ARKANSAS TRAVELER

Discusses Ingersoll and Moore, and Cusses Three Campbellite Preachers.

Rev. W. T. Champion is Sho' Not a Champion Speller.

I have received a marked copy of the Arkansas (Newhope), Traveler On the margin of it is marked "Champion is a Campbellite preacher."

It has two editors James E. and Alice E. Mizell.

I suppose that Alice is Jim's wife from the fact that Jim is evidently afraid of her. I am a married man. The first thing in the paper is a letter from the Campbellite preacher, W. T. Champion, and the editor's comment upon Champion's letter; the editor printing the letter as Champion spelled it, and commenting upon Champion's spelling. In printing Champion's letter, I, of course, retain Champion's spelling as it appeared in the Arkansas Traveler. The letter and heading and editorial comment are as follows:

THE WEATHER WARMER.

A Preacher Thaws Out and Gives Us A Dig.

Newhope, Arkansas, 3-17-1905. Editor of Arkansas Traveler.

Dear sir:

In supplement to Traveler of Feb. 24th you copy from Moore's paper, an infidel scoundrel sheet, a statement made by Moore that "Zachary" and "Wilkinson" are awful "liars."

Why did Moore make such a statement concerning these men? Simply this: Each one of those gentlemen have exposed Moore's atheistic theory and Moore is awful mad about it. That is the reason he calls "Zachary" and "Wilkinson" are awful "liars."

The editor of the Traveler has said to me more than once, privately, that he did not endorse Moore, who advocates the worst form of liberalism. Why, then, does the editor of the Traveler insert such a scurrilous thing into his paper from such a man as Moore? Simply this: to show to his utter contempt for the Christian Ministry.

The editor of the Traveler, in same supplement, (Feb. 24), says that R. G. Ingersoll has done more for a honest man to free the people from superstition. If you will open the columns of your paper, I will show that such is not the case.

Respectfully,

W. T. CHAMPION.

The Editor of the Traveler inserted the statements mentioned as news items. Nothing more, nor nothing less. While I do not endorse Moore in every particular, he being a Materialist and I, a Spiritualist, and, therefore, exactly opposite each other in belief, I believe he is a much better man, than either Zachary or Wilkinson. If you think different, it is all right with me.

If you think I have naught but utter contempt for the Christian Ministry, you are mistaken. I have naught but the highest regard for an honest man, though he be a preacher, and I detect a rascal, though he be an infidel.

A little more than a year ago a Methodist preacher named Bailey, who lived in this town at the time, borrowed a sum of money and persuaded a prominent merchant of this town to go his secretary. But he had entered against said merchant, the trial will be held at Star of the West April 8, and Bailey is said to be in Hot Springs county. That is the kind of a "Christian Minister" we show our utter contempt for.

As to Ingersoll doing more than any other man to free the people from superstition, will say that that is what I think about it, and thousands of other Christian Ministers think the same, though some will not openly admit it.

If you wish to discuss this matter, and will not depend on me to correct your spelling, I will try to give you space to air your views in the Progressive Christian, which will resume publication as a Bi-Weekly early next month.

The publisher of this paper requests me to inform you that the columns of the Traveler are closed against the discussion of religious subjects. And I will add that I regret, very much, that such is the case, for I positively know, from experience, that it would be an utterance, finally, to keep the columns open for the discussion of any and all subjects. But I agreed, something like a year ago, to leave the management of this paper to Alice E. Mizell, the present publisher. Virtually, my hands are tied.

—Editor.

I never saw the supplement to the Traveler of February 24.

This discussion is of interest to infidels as showing the ignorance of the Campbellite preacher even in so small a matter as spelling—a thing which is no credit to know but a discredit not to know."

The misspelled words are Arkansas—simply—entirely—simply—

If, with facts, as plain as these Wilkinson and Champion are still willing to defend Zachary they are, neither of them, any better than Zachary is, and I know of no man in Kentucky who has been engaged in more rascally schemes than Zachary has been.

There are only two smaller things which are disreputable that I know about Zachary, but I am now only speaking of things in which he has been engaged for some, or several, of which I believe he would have been sent to the penitentiary except that, as I have said, there was such general distrust of the man that his fraudulent getting of money, if any, was so small, that the officials have ignored him, and addressed themselves to the punishment of men of Zachary's kind, except that they were more successful in following than Zachary was in causing they stood higher among the people than Zachary did.

Of them Wilkinson and Champion are still willing to use Zachary or in any way to defend him, they are just as much rascals as Zachary is.

WILKINSON.

The Campbellite Preacher With Whom I Debated, Has Lied Beyond Any Reasonable Doubt.

Lincolnton, Iowa, March 31, 1905. Brother Moore:

Enclosed find a letter from G. W. Hinton, regarding the Moore-Wilkinson debate.

I have written an article for the "Firm Foundation"—Christian—containing all the objections to hinger's man's eternal destiny on baptism. I suppose they intend to publish it since they have had time to return it, for which I send stamps and request. They will "show" answer if they publish it and in that event I will send you a copy. A. A. SNOW.

The enclosed letter is as follows:

Lincolnton, I. T., March 27, 1905. Mr. A. A. Snow, Lincolnton, Iowa:

Sir—I will not say much in regard to the Moore-Wilkinson feud. The whole thing, in a nut shell, in my opinion, is worth but little to the Free thought cause.

Mr. Moore is a nice gentleman. When in the chair he is all right, but before an audience he is all wrong. He wrote up in his paper, the Blue Grass Blade, just what he uttered in the debate with Wilkinson, but he spoke in such a way it had no effect. We were all chagrined. He, Moore, would let Wilkinson wave that old conglomeration of lies, called the Bible, over his head and call it the everlasting word of God. He said it was the only moral evidence in the world that proved the identity, or certainty, that there was a God.

Mr. Moore never took up the writers of the book and God that backed them and showed the wickedness of the whole push. I have known Wilkinson since he was a small boy. He is a man of some natural ability and I had thought was honest and truthful, but since the debate with Mr. Moore I have my doubts. Wilkinson is the postmaster at Ryan has lied. I asked the postmaster, myself, if he had told in Wilkinson what Wilkinson said he did in regard to the infidel refusing to take out of the office the Blue Grass Blade since the Moore-Wilkinson debate. He said he did not. So the lie is between them.

I don't think Mr. Moore had much to do in the debate. Wilkinson made the same old fat failure that they all make when they try to prove that there is a God, but Wilkinson made a hell of a noise which don't prove anything except an empty head.

Wilkinson's assertion about us not getting Mr. Moore against a school-boy is simply one of his own assumptions.

I have heard, in debate J. E. Remsberg, Mr. Charlesworth who lived in Texas at the time, L. S. Welch of Sweetwater, Okla., and C. C. Moore of Lexington, Ky. Mr. Welch is the best. He generally carries two or three hundred pounds of authenticated history with him. He is up on his books, fine in algebra, trigonometry and astronomy. He is the stuff after these Western sky-busters. He is a farmer and poor but worthy.

Not a single infidel has stopped the Blade in this part since the debate. Your friend and brother,

G. W. HINTON.

SEVENTY-SIX

And the Blade Reminded Him of Bob Ingersoll.

Union, Nebraska, Feb. 31, 05. Editor B. G. Blade.

Dear sir—in the course of divine providence I received a letter and documents and two of your Blades from Mr. H. G. Gulesman, Ackley, Ia. I must say that those Blades revived in me that feeling I used to

enjoy away back when Bob Ingersoll first lectured on "The Gods," I commenced reading the Boston Investigator about 1855, and continued about 26 years, also the Truth Seeker (illegible) times, and lots of books besides. So you see I am an old sinner, and the time I spent would have made me a rich man if properly applied.

I have four infidels. They all married religious wives and are under petticoat government, and belong to four different churches.

So I suppose they are elected to go to heaven but the old man will probably go to hell.

But that place is not as hot as it was 60 years ago, and I can stand lots of hell now days.

You can send me a clip of five. I will make the best use of them, and distribute them until I get the names.

Yours for the glory and good of the Christian cause.

P. S.—I'd also like your "Dog Fence" and tell me what you mean by being in prison. It is all new to me. I was bled for five years and did not read anything, so I want to know how you got in prison. I do not desire to patronize a criminal, but I know some good men have been imprisoned—Abner Goodland, for instance—L. G. T.

It's a long story to tell how I got into prison at various times, but I suppose Jesus Christ and I, all got there, Bill.

You will have to blow in a dollar on "Behind the Bars, 21498" and read about it.

(From Lexington Leader.)

DEATH GOES TO FORMER K. U. STUDENT IN THE PULPIT.

Rev. J. T. Cockrane was in Act of Beginning Sermon When Heart Ceased to Beat Forever.

While in his pulpit at the Christian Church at Stamping Ground, Scott county, Sunday morning, Rev. James T. Cockrane was stricken suddenly with heart failure and died before any of the congregation reached him.

Rev. J. T. Cockrane was a graduate of Kentucky University and until the first of this year had been taking a post graduate course at that institution. He had charge of the Christian churches at Stamping Ground and at Morgan, Ky., dividing his time between the two.

Death came without the slightest warning. He was a man of robust constitution and had not complained of even a trivial ill that might have foreshadowed the end.

He was at the church to greet his flock at the usual hour. The routine of Sunday school was carried out. Eleven o'clock arrived and he entered the pulpit and announced the song opening the service proper. He offered a fervent prayer, another song was sung and he began reading the text for the sermon.

With the last words half uttered and his gaze fixed upon the open Bible, his body wavered he raised his hand to his forehead and sank to the platform. Church officials were at his side immediately, but life had departed in the instant.

There was no time to dwell on the tragedy, and news of his death was telephoned to his widow, who was at Broadwell, in Harrison county.

Mr. Cockrane was married to Miss Lulu Ingals of Berry, in Harrison county, last fall. They had been students together in Kentucky University last year. He had received his diploma in June and had claimed his college friend as his life companion in October. They had been housekeeping only a week. He was in Lexington a few days ago, and mingled with the students.

During his course in college he ranked among the most diligent and most exemplary, and being only thirty-one years of age, a life of great promise seemed open to him. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Society, and was extraordinarily popular among the students. The body will be taken to his home at Tolsonboro for interment.

When it was a Campbellite preacher, and they called us all "Elders," though, I was hardly more than a child, we could read and sing and yell, and raise all kinds of sand, and it never hurt any of us—got fat on it.

But now since the Campbellite sky-busters have all got to be "Reverends," and just too lazy to live, they tumble down dead, like all the other brands of preachers, if they try to stand up 15 minutes. This new gang can beat us old Campbellite cocks lying, but we could stand more than they can.

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PLENTY OF INFIDELS HERE

McCune, Kansas, March 26, 05. C. C. Moore.

Enclosed find a sweet william, would have sent sooner, but had bad crops, and finances were low. But I am holding my own, and as long as I can do that I intend to take the B. G. B. and do all I can to help it. I am sure among all who see it it is all right, but they will not send in their names, or giving any good reason for not so doing.

There are lots of good thinking infidels here, and good talkers too, and if I could get them to write some for the Blade I know it would be interesting.

I can't write or talk much either, but I make it warm for some of the cranks around here. If I could talk something like you write I would have a gay time—but I have a good time anyway.

My nearest neighbor is a preacher and I have a gay time with him, though there's not much in him, but manners and ignorance, like all the rest of the preachers.

If there is any good in what they call Christianity, I have not found it out, and I am 62 years old and have heard lots of Christian talk, and it all sounds alike to me. But I can see it is fading out—not now, like it was when I was a boy.

When Sunday came then we had to look out for the preachers and hide the old violin, put on a long face and "be good," as they called it, and I guess I was, for just as soon as I got a chance I was giving that old got-a-chance thunder, and if I couldn't get him, any other way, I would play the fiddle. But now I play my fiddle on Sunday all I want to.

I hope the Blue Grass Blade will live long after we are gone. I want it as long as I have a dollar. I have never wanted it for less, and I don't think anybody else should have it any cheaper than I get it unless you want to give it away. I can't write anything worth reading, but I can think as much as anybody, and don't want anything but what is right—JOHN T. GROSS.

CHRISTIAN SUICIDE

I have received a postal card on which was written the following: "Talmage, Jr., maintains that none but atheists commit suicide. The gentleman who did not know about Talmage, Jr., otherwise he would still live."

With a worn little copy of the New Testament clasped in one hand and the destroying revolver in the other, the corpse of an unknown man was found in the corner of a box car on the Pere Marquette tracks near Michigan Ave, Detroit, on March 29, 1905.

If the religious revivals that have been conducted in some parts of the country had any moralizing influence over the people we would expect to see the people happier and less crime than before this, but nobody remarks any improvements, and suicide seems, if any difference, to be still increasing. In the reported cases of suicide there is only a small per cent, in which the religious opinion is indicated, but, when it is indicated they are nearly always Christians. Infidel suicide is almost unknown.

77 And Expects to Read the Blade 30 More Years.

Everest, Kas., March 29, 1905. Dear Old Friend Moore:

I am 77 years old and I enjoy the Blade very much. I think I will be reading it for 15 or 20 years more, and you will be enjoying it too. I am a Weichman. I lived with a good woman 51 years. She died two years ago this March 23 and have been living with my second wife six months.

I would like to meet you but never shall—OWEN JONES.

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JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

Which is the Heathen, and Which is The Christian? Discussed by an Eminent Divine.

(Rev. Dr. Gregory of New York)

The Russian press is doing its level best to keep the world in mind of the fact that the war in the Far East is a clash between Christianity and Paganism, between the followers of the Cross and a lot of benighted heathens, who are groping in spiritual darkness, and bowing down, in their wretched superstition, to images of wood and stone.

The Russian Government as a general thing keeps a pretty sharp censorship on the newspapers, but it has helped, rather than hindered, the Russian press in its harping upon the glorious fact that the soldiers of the Czar are also the soldiers of the Christ, and that the Japs are a set of wretched pagans, who believe not in Christ but in Buddha.

Nonnally, it is true, the Russians are Christians and the Japs are "Pagans," but in reality it is just the reverse, the Russians being the Pagans and the Japs the Christians.

What is Christianity, anyway? Is it a profession of belief and the practicing of a certain ritual, or is it a life—a life that manifests itself in a progressive, kindly and justice-loving civilization?

If we latter, then Japan is away ahead of Russia.

In progressiveness there is no comparison between the Japanese of the North and the Island Kingdom. Eighty per cent. of the Russian people are unable to read or write, while in Japan education is almost universal.

The Russian Government is a Juggernaut, crushing the life out of the people, grinding them to death in its heartless, merciless greed of power and gold; while the Government of Japan is beautifully paternal, existing to bless rather than to curse the Japanese people.

So barbarous and cruel is the Russian Government that, if the truth were known, it would probably be found that the overwhelming majority of the people are praying that the Makado may give it a death thrust; while, on the other hand, so fair and beneficent is the Japanese Government that every one of the forty millions of its subjects is ready to die for its preservation.

The justice and beneficence of the "Powers that Be" in Japan are eliciting such patriotism, courage and devotion as perhaps the world never witnessed before, while the government of the United States is a scene of able tyranny and brutality of the Russian authorities are plucking the heart of valor out of the rank and file of their soldiery and making them the laughing stock of the world.

On the gory battlefields of the Far East the Japs are looking, with infinite skill and method, after the sick and the wounded; providing for them with a compassion that would have mightily touched the heart of a Bayard or a Sidney, as well as with the science that would have made Napoleon and Grant look on with blank amazement.

And while the Cossacks in Manchuria, their onetime terrible prestige gone forever, are fleeing before the victorious little Japs, the Cossacks in Russia are running amuck among the unarmed populace, riding down old men, defenseless women and innocents, little children, crushing them with their swords, beating them under their knouts, crushing them under the iron-shod feet of their horses.

Well may we ask, then, "Which are the Christians?"

The answer is not far to seek, and here it is—"the Japanese." They may know very little of the historical Christ; they may be deplorably ignorant of the creeds over which "Christians" have been quarreling and fighting for two thousand years; but of the real spirit of Christianity, as taught by the Great Friend and Brother of us all, they have very much more than is possessed by the Russians; or, to be more precise, by the crowd that is at the head of the Russians.

In this case, clearly, the Pagans are the better Christians, and the "Benighted heathens," who bow down to "images of wood and stone" are showing not only more intelligence and courage but more pity and love than are shown by the followers of the Cross.

Written on the margin of the above was "Trying to steal over thunder."—T. W. Nesmith.

That tells the whole story. The Russians are the most thorough Christians in the world, and are the worst people in the world.

The Japs are the most thorough Infidels in the world, and the greatest and best people in the world.

Nothing but infidelity can stop the crime and misery with which Christianity is cursing the world.

No man or woman can be great and good without being an Infidel.

Christianity spells all that is hateful.

AN OLD CHRISTIAN.

Wants to Help Me to Make Us All Better.

Ottawa, Kans., March 24, 05.

Friend C. C. Moore.

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. I see from last week's Blade that the book entitled "The Marvellous Story of Man," got into your hands. I sent it to Mr. Hughes to pay for the Blade, as I was some behind and I did not have the dollar. I thought it would be worth that much to him. I think it is worth that much to any one who wants to know what man is and what he has done. Man is the highest type of animal that I know anything about, yet I believe there are in existence, beings as much superior to man, as man is to a butterfly; still I do not know it to be true, nor can I prove it. We can believe many things which we cannot demonstrate. It seems to me that all we can say in regard to the being we call God; yet we can believe there is such a being, who rules over all, and orders all things right although we cannot understand it. You may ask me why do you believe there is such an intelligent being in existence as you describe, and yet you cannot understand or comprehend how or where he exists. I answer, "Because it looks more reasonable to me, although I may not, to you, to think of some great powerful and intelligent being who made and planned and set in order the few things around me, and then I have reason to believe that there are a thousand times more wonderful things in existence I cannot see and therefore believe there is such a being called God." It does not look reasonable to me that all these things that I see and can partially understand could have been here unless there had been some great and powerful, intelligence to make, arrange and set in order what we know as the world. You may ask, where did God come from, where did the material he made the world and this world, and ourselves and all other things we see around us? All I can say is, I do not know. I have been asking these questions, reading, studying and thinking for the last sixty years. I have been reading your paper for the last four or five years, and all the real light I have got from yourself, and all your friends, who write for the Blade, is, I do not believe there is any God, in existence, neither have I seen any one who has. Can any person affirm that there is nothing in existence only that which he or some one in this world has seen.

I think that even your self would not be willing to make that affirmation. You know that a man's belief or unbelief changes no fact or truth, no matter who believes it or denies it. I have heard people tell others, Jesus died to save them, if they would believe it. Now it is a fact, it is a truth that Jesus Christ died for us and was nailed to a cross in existence, neither have I seen any one who has. Can any person affirm that there is nothing in existence only that which he or some one in this world has seen.

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The Japanese, now the most super-

ior race on the earth, have no god, or gods—are pure atheists.

The whole trend of religious thought is now toward atheism. The more cultivated preachers do not believe in a god as much as Tom Paine did.

But the man who believes wrong and does right is a much better man than he who believes right and does wrong.

The Christians says that believing right is a virtue for which men should be rewarded by eternal happiness. The Infidels say that belief and disbelief are more accidents of life as are the other conditions of our lives and that there is, therefore, no merit or demerit in belief or unbelief, and that it is only the doing of good, as old Christian Brother Jefferies suggests, that ought to be allowed to enter into the estimate of any man's character, and doing good or doing evil are the only things for which we ought to be rewarded or punished.

In my debate with wilkinson, when we were waiting for the time to come for us to go onto the platform, quite a number of the audience being present, and hearing us, he sitting by a table and I standing; I said to him, "Does God have eyes?" He said, "Yes." I said, "Does God have ears?" He said, "Yes." I said, "Does God have a nose?" He said, "I don't know." I said to him, "Does God have bowels?" He said, "Yes." I said, "What does God eat?" and Wilkinson said, "I suppose he eats nectar; that what Gods eat." He was evidently plainly lying or making a fool of himself, or rather, I was making a fool of him.

But there is a very much stronger point than this against the existence of a god, the delcacy of which forbids a public discussion. That is the matter of the sex of God.

If I should speak of the Christian's God as the or, if Christians would regard it as blasphemy, whereas if I speak of God as He, it is regarded as all proper; while really, if there could be any such thing as blasphemy, there could be nothing more blasphemous than the assertion that God is, distinctively, of the masculine gender; much the grossest of the three genders and the blasphemy would be a thousand times as bad as the worst construction of the blasphemy for which I was put in jail in Lexington—which particular instance was really quite opposite of blasphemy, thought at other times, before and since this, blasphemy was and is, with me, as common as any other form of speech.

While therefore, it is true that any man who follows to its ultimate conclusions the argument for the existence of a God, must lie or stultify himself, as Wilkinson did, it is also true, as Brother Jefferies suggests, that belief or disbelief about anything is a small and inconsiderable matter and that the all in all of human life is in what we do and say; saying being regarded as the same as doing, and equally affecting human happiness.

If there is any one class of people who, more than any other, I would love to have join with me in an effort to make us all better and happier, they are Christians who are willing to ignore all matters of belief or disbelief about religion, and do and say all that can to make themselves and all the balance of us better and happier, the only true purpose of the intelligent and good people can have.

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"BLUE GRASS BLADE GOOD REMEDY FOR IGNORANCE."

Emanuel Ky., March 20, 05.

Charles C. Moore.

Dear sir—I notice in a late issue of the Blade, signed "Nowhere," which he speaks lightly of the mountains of Kentucky being descendants of Ham, etc., and so on. But I am glad to inform him, through the Blade, that, as the world moves, we have moved too, and that freethought is all up and down our Valley, and on all our old Kentucky hills, and that we know that his ancestors as well as ours, once swung by their tails from trees in the jungles.

We are not so meek and lowly as represented, yet a kinder, more hospitable, or intelligent people than the Kentucky mountaineers never existed. They do not have the respect for the clergy of years gone by and the fact that a man is a preacher is a signal to watch him. Yet there is, by far, too much ignorance in all the world, and I think a good remedy for it is the Blue Grass Blade—EMMET JOYNER.

(St. Louis Star.)

BECOMES SUICIDE AFTER BOY IS BORN.

Unionville, Mo., March 16.—The most sensational death in this vicinity recently is the suicide by strychnine of Miss Eva Miller, 24, twenty-four hours after giving birth to a boy baby.

Miss Miller was a daughter of a well-to-do farmer living near Unionville, and for several years has been employed in town as a domestic.

She has always been the best reputation, being a member of a local church, and commanding the highest respect of the community. She positively refused to reveal the identity of the man who had betrayed her.

She spent several months in Kansas last summer, telling friends prior to her departure she was going to be married, but she returned in the fall and took up the old life here.

(St. Louis Star.)

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR VICTORY.

Berlin, March 20.—The newspaper Die Welt says the Czar is suffering from a form of religious mania. He spends two hours every day praying in the palace chapel. He telegraphed to the Pope of Rome, recently, to compose special prayers for a Russian victory, and likewise for the repression of the revolutionary movement. He sent a similar telegram to the Archbishop of Moscow. He wears a crucifix on his breast continually as a protection against assassination.

(St. Louis Star.)

CLASP HANDS ON THE GALLOWES.

Richmond, Va., March 16.—Peter Danney, murderer of a negro woman and Edward Austin, who assaulted a nine-year-old colored girl, were hanged together in the court yard of the Henry County jail this morning.

Both negroes died courageously. Danney was accompanied to the scaffold by a negro Baptist preacher, and Austin by a Catholic priest.

The last act of the men was to press their manacled hands together on the gallows in a friendly clasp.

(Cincinnati Times-Star.)

PROVES THE STORY OF EVE.

Baltimore, March 21.—To an audience which, in McCoy hall of the John Hopkins university followed the archaeological lecture by Mr. James Teakle Dennis of Baltimore upon "Tombs of the Ancient Egyptians," the Biblical story of Eve being formed from the rib of Adam seems perfectly clear, inasmuch as Mr. Dennis says more than one-half of the skeletons which he found had thirteen ribs. The remains of over 175 human bodies, many of them estimated to date back in life to 6,000 years before Christ, were discovered by the party of which Mr. Dennis was a director, and of this number the thirteen-ribbed individuals were in sufficient numbers to make this anatomical peculiarity a distinctive feature.

I suppose the Lord found out that thirteen was an unlucky number.

(St. Louis Star.)

DIVINE GUILTY OF GAMBLING.

Wilmington, March 20.—After spending most of the day in hearing arguments of counsel, the committee appointed to try the case of the Rev. Wilbur F. Corkran, D. D., this afternoon returned a verdict of guilty of gambling and high imprudence and unministerial conduct, but not guilty of falsehood and fraud. He was suspended for one year.

Dr. Corkran declined to discuss the case after the verdict had been given, but his counsel, though Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, gave notice of an appeal to the judicial conference of the church.

IOWA PASTOR A CHEAT.

Church Jury Convicts Him of Fraud in a Horse Trade.

Sioux City, Iowa, March 20.—The Rev. S. Koster of the Dutch Reformed church at Hull has been convicted by a church jury of cheating a member of his flock in a horse trade.

Last summer Koster borrowed a horse from a member of his church to drive to a small town across the Minnesota-Iowa line. He sold the horse and pocketed the proceeds, telling the owner that the animal had died, and giving him another horse not nearly so valuable.



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RAISING THEIR CHILDREN ON THE BLADE.

Earlington, Ky., March 19, 05.

Brothers Moore and Hughes.

Dear Heathens—The Blade has found its way into this part of Kentucky, for 15 years this March, so I send in my little William to move me up to date.

I believe you should cut out the delinquents, but after I have shuffled off this mortal coil, you must please remember the widow and her two little heathens, we are trying to raise as we believe the B. G. B. counsel, as being as essential as their diet to make them useful men and women. Like Mrs. Sarah Bible we use the Blade to keep off "hants" and witches, as we have an infected graveyard between the house and barn, that has had spooks and ghosts galloping, and not Holy Ghosts either, as the pious Christians have had a great horror of them, especially on dark nights.

No advice as to publishing and editing the Blade; only keep it sharp and cut wide swath through the pious in my prayer—T. B. SISK.

SOME POETRY (?) FROM THE GOSPEL SEARCHLIGHT.

Brother Shaw, of the Searchlight (Indifer) Waco, Texas, sends on to me a copy of his Gospel Searchlight; (Campbellite Searchlight) that has been sent to him by its editors, the Saul and Nestor of whom is my man U. G. (y) Wilkinson.

There is in that same issue of the "G. S." a piece of "poetry" by C. H. Kennedy, who is No. 12, of the 13 editors.

In reading this "poem" please notice that it is not against an Infidel, but against another preacher. It is as follows:

There's a preacher in the Territory, That's traveled all around 'thor' it. His preacher is a "big gun," His name is John E. Pruitt.

He came to Indianola, a town in the West. To try to deceive my brethren, To get to feather his nest, But they were on the watch, Their watch did not abate;

So when he crowed and roared loud, He was challenged to debate. "Just trot you out your man, Sir" He blowed it on his horn.

And I will make him curse the day That he was ever born." So they sent out and got old red head, who has been in many a fight,

To show this wholly mortal man The way to fly his kite. His kite string is so short That 'twill only reach the earth, But before it reaches the kingdom, There must be another bird.

The Kingdom has been established.

And the apostle John was in it And the Kingdom of Christ will stand, With materialism again it.

A man who is capable of writing poetry (?) like that is the kind that Pope McGarry, of Lexington sends out into the world to preach and edit a religious paper.

"DOG FENNEL."

Blad: Keeps Him From Going to Church.

Alexandria, Minn., 3-27-05.

C. C. Moore, X D. D. Dear Friend—Please and \$1.00 for subscription to the Blade. There is only one fault with your paper and that is it gets here Sunday morning and delays my church-going to an alarming extent.

I have just read your "Dog Fennel" and, to say the least, it is one of the best books I have read.

It was quite consoling to me to learn the truth about those holy fakes in the Orient.

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Yours truly,

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CHRISTIANS SUICIDING MORE THAN EVER.

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 25, 1905.

To Charles C. Moore.

Dear Friend—The list of suicides continues to lengthen in this fair city of the Angels, but they are Christians. Last Thursday night Charles Rogers shot and instantly killed his beautiful wife and then turned the revolver on himself and suicided. He was a devout church member.

Since the great Lestrade Meetings—called by the Christians Revival Meetings—were held in Los Angeles, crime has increased at an alarming rate. I suppose they intend to tell the Devil when he comes for them "Jesus paid it all."

Fraternally,

S. A. SMITH.